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NSC Review Completed

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Request for CIA Support of Planning Board
Special Committee for Revision of NSC 135/1

1. A Special Committee of the NSC Planning Board has been set up to reconsider NSC 135/1 (Reappraisal of US Objectives and Strategy for National Security) in the light of the suggestions contained in the various Solarium Task Force Reports. Represented on this Committee are members from the Department of State, the Department of Defense, CIA, and JCS. The Special Committee has been directed by the NSC to complete its work in time to place its report before the NSC Planning Board before September 10 and before the NSC not later than September 24.

2. In connection with the work of this Committee specific courses of action will be explored as illustrative of a positive and aggressive U. S. policy. In connection with these courses of action several of the member agencies of the Committee will be asked to undertake some staff work on a high priority basis. We request that CIA undertake on an urgent basis to provide the Special Committee with the following:

- a. A coordinated intelligence estimate on the economic effects upon Communist China and the free world and the probable Communist reaction to an increased Chinese Nationalist blockade of China.
- b. A coordinated intelligence estimate on Communist and free world reaction to an invasion of Hainan Island by Nationalist forces alone or by Nationalist Forces with U. S. air and naval support.

3. In connection with these coordinated intelligence estimates the JCS has been requested to provide whatever working assumptions or data will be necessary. Since both intelligence estimates deal with Communist China it would be satisfactory from the point of view of the Planning Board for them to be dealt with under the single title of Probable Reactions to Certain Military Courses of Action Against Communist China.

4. It is requested that the various CIA studies be submitted to the Special Committee by September 1.

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